

Gina M. Raimondo **Governor** Peter T. Gaynor **Director**

Notice of Public Open Houses New Flood Insurance Rate Maps/Flood Insurance Changes

The Rhode Island Floodplain Management Program and FEMA will jointly host public open house meetings in Kent and Providence counties. New FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) will go effective in October 2015 for both counties. Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States so it is vital for property owners to understand their risk and how it may be changing with the release of new FIRMs. If you think you may be in a flood zone or are unclear how you may be affected, you may choose to attend the open house that is most convenient for you at any time between the hours of 4 - 7 pm. No formal presentations will be made and no appointment is necessary.

Representatives from FEMA, the State, and their mapping partners, will be available to answer flood risk and insurance questions, and will help property owners identify and understand how their risk may be changing. Residents are encouraged to bring their elevation certificates and/or flood insurance policies to the event in order to get the best information about how their flood insurance rates may change as a result of the new mapping and legislative insurance reforms.

at

Kent County

Tue, July 14, 2015 4-7 pm

West Warwick High School 1 Webster Knight Dr.

W. Warwick, RI

Providence County

Tue, July 21, 2015 4-7 pm

North Providence Town Hall at Town Council Chambers

2000 Smith Street N. Providence, RI